



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2006, the time for reply having been extended until October 10, 2006 (October 7 being a Saturday and October 9 being a holiday), by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 14** of this paper.